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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECT: 800 KV TRANSMISSION LINES

REF: (A) STATE 236115 (1976); (B) CARACAS 9856 (1976)

(1) PROJECT NAME: ELECTRICIDAD DEL CARONI (EDELCA) 800 KV
DOUBLE CIRCUIT TRANSMISSION LINE.

2. BRIED DESCRIPTION: CONSTRUCTION OF 750 MILE LONG 800 KV
DOUBLE CIRCUIT TRANSMISSION LINE FROM GURI DAM TO VILLA CURA
(APPROXIMATELY 20 MILES SE OF MARACAY). PROJECT WILL ALSO ENTAIL
CONSTRUCTION OF FOUR SUBSTATIONS, THREE OF WHICH WILL HAVE
TRANSFORMERS. APPROXIMATELY 35,000 METRIC TONS OF STEEL WILL
BE NEEDED FOR TOWER CONSTRUCTION. IT IS EXPECTED THAT AT
LEAST PART OF THAT STEEL WILL BE IMPORTED BECAUSE OF LOWER
PRICE (\$800/METRIC TON VS. \$1200 FOR DOMESTICALLY PRODUCED STEEL)
AND ANTICIPATED DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES
OF LOCALLY PRODUCED STEEL. ALL CABLE EXPECTED TO BE PRODUCED
LOCALLY. EDELCA'S ADVISORS ON THIS PROJECT ARE POWER TECHNOLOGY,
INC. FO SCHENECTADY, N.Y. AND B.E.L.T. OF CANADA.

3. EXECUTING AGENCY/PROJECT MANAGER: ING. DAVID BONAGURO;
EDELCA; EDIFICIO GENERAL DE SEGUROS, 3ER PISO-DEPARTAMENTO DE
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LINEAS; AVENIDA LA ESTANCIA, CHUAO; CARACAS, VENEZUELA.

4. STATUS OF PROJECT/ANTICIPATED BID DATES: CALLS FOR
PREQUALIFICATION OF FIRMS INTERESTED IN THIS PROJECT IS EX-
PECTED TO BE MADE IN AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER 1977. RECEPTION OF BIDS
IS EXPECTED TO OCCUR DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF CY 1978.
AWARDING OF CONTRACT EXPECTED EARLY IN SECOND QUARTER OF CY

1978. CONSTRUCTION EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN MID-1978. PROJECT SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN LATE CY 1981.

5. ESTIMATED PROJECT COST/FOREIGN CONTENT: TOTAL COST ESTIMATED AT \$233 MILLION; FOREIGN CONTENT ROUGHLY ESTIMATED AT \$90 MILLION.

6. COMPETITIVE FACTORS: STRONG COMPETITION EXPECTED FROM CANADIANS. CANADIAN FIRM B.G. CHECKOV (PHON.) EXPECTED TO PREQUALIFY BUT HAS NOT YET FORMED ASSOCIATION WITH LOCAL FIRM AS REQUIRED BY EDELCA. TWO U.S. COMPANIES, THE L.E. MYERS COMPANY (ASSOCIATED WITH THE VENEZUELAN FIRM ELECVEN, A SUBSIDIARY OF ELECENOR OF SPAIN) AND THE PARTNERSHIP OF DONOVAN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY AND COMMONWEALTH ASSOCIATES, INC. (ASSOCIATED WITH THE VENEZUELIAN FIRM CANALEC) HAVE INFORMED EDELCA THAT THEY WISH TO PREQUALIFY FOR THE PROJECT. OTHER COMPANIES EXPECTED TO PREQUALIFY ARE BAULFORD BITTY (PHON.) (U.K.), SAY-ISVECA (ITALY), AND SADE (BRAZIL). EDELCA ANXIOUS TO HAVE MORE FIRMS PREQUALIFY FOR PROJECT. ING. BONAGURO SAID U.S. FIRM MORRISON-KNUDSEN IS BEING ENCOURAGED TO PREQUALIFY BECAUSE OF ITS CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE INVOLVING LARGE TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT IN AFRICA.
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